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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF AIR DEFENSE RADAR COSTS

REF: STATE 185530 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING SAUDIS ESTIMATE OF THE PROPOSED RADAR/COMMUNICATIONS COMPONENT OF THE SUDANESE AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE, DOD ESTIMATES THAT THE COST WILL NOT EXCEED DOLS 100 MILLION. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE RADAR, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE MANUEL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM OUTLINED AS PHASE ONE IN THE STATE/DEFENSE SUDAN SURVEY REPORT. THE LETTER OF OFFER (LOA) WILL PRESENT IN DETAIL THE PHASE ONE CONCEPT. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT DESIGNING AN AIR DEFENSE RADAR PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY TAILOR-
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ED TO SUDAN'S REQUIREMENTS AND THE SUBSEQUENT PREPARATION OF LOA IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COMPLICATED THAN FINALIZING THE F-5 PROGRAM. IN PARTICULAR, USAF WILL HAVE TO CONDUCT ENGINEERING EVALUATION STUDIES BASED UPON SITE SURVEY TEAM'S FINDINGS. THEREFORE, DOD ANTICIPATES THAT THE LOA WILL NOT BE DELIVERED UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER OCT. 1.

2. A BREAKDOWN OF THE COSTS CANNOT NOW BE CLOSELY DEFINED AND WILL MOST LIKELY CHANGE. FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION A ROUGH BREAKDOWN FOLLOWS: RADAR/COMMUNICATIONS HARDWARE DOLS 70 MILLION, SPARES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT DOLS 15 MILLION, TRAINING DOLS 5 MILLION, AND CONTRACTOR SERVICES DOLS 10 MILLION.

3. STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY REPORT CONTEMPLATES THAT PHASE ONE PROGRAM WILL BE A BUILDING BLOCK TOWARD DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED, POSSIBLY AUTOMATED, COMPREHENSIVE AIR DEFENSE RADAR SYSTEM OVER A MULTI-YEAR PERIOD. THE DOLS 100 MILLION PROVIDES A FULLY OPERATIONAL AND Viable AIR DEFENSE RADAR SYSTEM TO ADDRESS SUDAN'S CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL STUDY TO IDENTIFY COSTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE PROCEEDING BEYOND PHASE ONE. FUNDS FOR SUCH A STUDY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOLS 100 MILLION IDENTIFIED ABOVE. DOD WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE ON ADDITIONAL NEEDS BEYOND PHASE ONE PENDING COMPLETION OF STUDY. FURTHERMORE, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT EITHER WE OR SUDANESE WILL WANT TO PROCEED BEYOND PHASE ONE. THIS STUDY WILL, HOWEVER, PROVIDE BOTH SUDAN AND THE USG OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TOWARD IMPROVING OVERALL AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. VANCE

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